



Development given priority

# OIC reviews cultural activities

By a Special Correspondent

JAKARTA, April 24 — The recently held 7th session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs reviewed the cultural, educational and social activities of the Islamic Conference Organization and adopted a series of recommendations for consolidating these links among member states.

A new project under consideration is the planned Islamic Fiqh Academy, the establishment of which was approved by the Third Islamic Summit. This important and ambitious project requires the collection of material

## Prince Talal to visit India

RIYADH, April 24 — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations and UNICEF special envoy, will leave Riyadh on May 26th for a two-day official visit to India, a UNICEF press statement said.

During the visit he will meet Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India, and a number of ministers and high officials in the India government to discuss questions concerning children and development. He will visit some projects and programs supervised by UNICEF in India.

Prince Talal also is expected to pay a similar two-day official visit to Kenya shortly after his visit to India during the first week of May, the Riyadh UNICEF office reported. He will meet President Arap Moi of Kenya, and a number of high officials of the country. He also will visit some UNICEF projects.

and information on the development of scientific research in the field of Islamic Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence). The Makkah-based Rabeta e alam Islami is reported to have collected a good deal of material in this field and will be coordinating its experiences with the OIC General Secretariat. The OIC is holding a meeting of experts and scholars from April 18 to help assist in the early establishment of this project.

The Commission fully supported aid to the Islamic Foundation for science, technology and development, which will encourage scientific studies and research and devise a strategy to develop science and technology beneficial to OIC member states. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has already announced a donation of \$15.00 million to this project. Other countries, including Indonesia, have indicated their preparedness to help in the establishment of the Science Foundation at an early date.

The Commission also reviewed the progress of ongoing projects such as the International Commission of the Islamic Heritage and the preservation of historical Islamic cities. This agency is already involved in preserving and restoring monuments and relics in Mauritania, Mali, Tunisia and Morocco. The Indonesian government has announced plans to restore and preserve the mosque and other Islamic sites in the historic town of Demak.

Under the auspices of the OIC, work is underway on setting up Islamic universities and centers in Africa and Asia. These include a university in Niger and another one in Uganda, the Islamic center in Guinea Bissau, the Ahmed Baba Institute for Islamic research and studies in Timbuktu, Mali, and an Islamic Translation Institute in the Sudan.

The teaching of Arabic and the propagation of Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking OIC member states has recently been stressed and an exchange program of teachers and Arabic text books and literature has commenced. The development of bilateral programs in this field are being encouraged as well. Delegates to the Jakarta meeting are said to have agreed that this program should be stepped up as it will benefit the Muslim people and enable them to have a better grasp and understanding of their traditions and rich cultural heritage.

Other subjects now receiving attention are the establishment of an International Islamic Law commission, the creation of a Faculty for Sharia and Islamic Studies, and the development of the Islamic Commission of the International Crescent. Studies are also underway under the aegis of the OIC for unifying of the dates of the lunar calendar and of Islamic feasts. Presently, these dates vary from country to country.

Along with political and economic activities, the Organization of the Islamic Conference appears to be giving special attention to the development of cultural and social cooperation among its member states and observers feel it has achieved good results in this endeavor. The Third Islamic Summit too showed special interest in cultural matters and adopted a number of resolutions. Although the Islamic world is spread from the shores of the Atlantic to the end of the Java sea, and includes countries with diverse cultures and different languages, they all share the same common faith and sentiment, and are bound by historical ties.

## Japan honors diplomat

Japan Bureau

TOKYO, April 24 — Hamad Mansour Al-Hajiri, the ambassador of Qatar in Japan during the past eight years, was honored with Japan's top award by Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito on behalf of the government of Japan for distinguished diplomatic services. Al-Hajiri has been the dean of Arab Islamic diplomats and acting dean of the diplomatic corps in Japan. The outgoing Qatari ambassador is the first diplomat to be honored with this meritorious award.

## Korean ambassador lauds Saudi Arabian efforts

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, April 24 — Korean ambassador, Yoo-Joon Chang, lauded the Saudi Arabian government for its attitude in fostering better relations between the two countries.

He made the remark during the Korean Night Festival here Thursday to celebrate the

installation of Chun Doo-Hwan, 12th president of South Korea, last month. Speaking on the occasion, the Korean ambassador said the event also was a way to extend the countries' fraternal relationship in the cultural, economic and technical fields.

Korean Embassy officials have reported a 25 per cent increase in exports from \$800 million in 1979 to \$1 billion last year. They

said construction material like factory paint and plywood constituted 45 per cent of all exports. The other items were textiles and bulk cement. Korean imports from the Kingdom — mainly petroleum — are valued at \$2 billion.

Apart from exports, construction contracts in the Kingdom are another major source of foreign exchange for Korea.

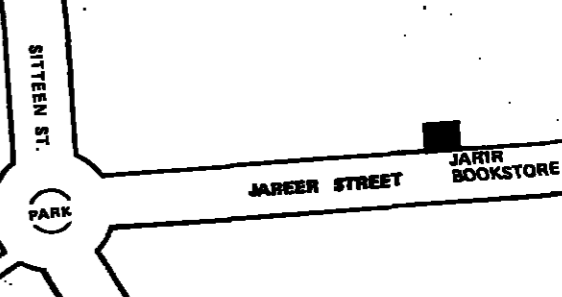
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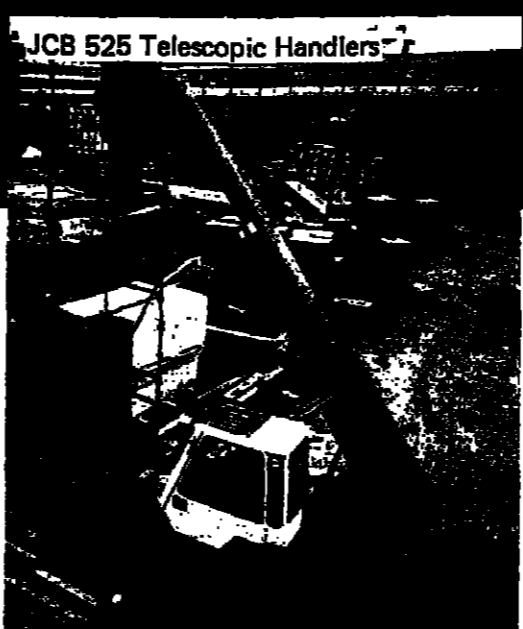
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**In Apicorp**

# Arab investors net SR 133m profit

By a Staff Writer

AL KHOBAR, April 24 — The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation made a profit of SR133 million during the year ending last January, according to the managing director, Jamal Hassan Jawa, who is also the deputy governor of Petromin.

Apicorp is made up of the Kingdom, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Iraq, Qatar, Syria and Libya and was formed to invest in petroleum-related projects. Jawa said the board recently approved a number of projects including the establishment of a detergent plant in Iraq at a cost of 72 million Iraqi dinars, of which the company will pay 25 per

cent. The member countries will contribute the remaining capital. It has also approved in principle the formation of an Arab joint venture for the production of an octane booster, a protocol for cooperation with the Tunisian government and participation with Libya in a company to drill and maintain artesian wells. The company already has started making money and decided to extend its services to other Arab states.

Apicorp took a 12 per-cent share in the equity of a Bahraini company to produce liquid gas and a 10 per-cent share in the equity of a Jordanian chemical fertilizer industry and offered it a \$20 million loan to help boost its production, which is due to start next year.

Jawa said the company extended \$122 million in loans to Algeria, Tunis and the U.A.E. and will build a plant in Libya for the production of STPP, a petroleum byproduct, with a capacity for 50,000 tons a year at a cost of \$200 million. After meeting the demands of the local market the plant will export the surplus. Plant capacity can be doubled in the future.

The company also is preparing a feasibility study for a lubricating oil plant to be set up in Yanbu with a projected capacity of 200,000 tons a year in its first phase. This will be done in cooperation with Petromin, he said.

The board has approved in principle the creation of a joint venture for the production of an octane booster (MTBE) to be produced from butane and methanol. A memorandum of understanding with AGIP and Snamprogetti (Italian ENI group) for conducting a detailed technical and marketing feasibility study was signed for the project.

## Ahmad goes to UAE

RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad will leave for Abu Dhabi Saturday on a five-day visit to the UAE at the invitation of his counterpart. Prince Ahmad will meet with President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Sunday and visit homicide laboratories and other military institutions.

He also will meet Sheikh Rashed bin Said Al-Maktoum, the vice-president and prime minister, in Dubai Monday. Prince Ahmad will visit the emirates of Sharja, Ajman, Umm Al-Quwain, Ras Al-Khaimah and Fujairah before concluding his visit.

# Arab-American talks feature former envoy

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24 — The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) announced that John C. West, America's former ambassador to Saudi Arabia for the past 3 1/2 years, will be part of a distinguished lineup of participants at the organization's Ninth Annual Convention, to be held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

West, who has just completed his tour, attracted press attention recently as a result of his quoted observation that there would be "stalemate" in U.S.-Arab relations unless and until the PLO is brought into discussions on the Palestine question, an NAAA press statement said Friday.

West will participate beginning May 7, in a panel discussion on American economic and strategic interests in the Middle East, along with Andrew Killgore, former U.S. ambassador to Qatar; veteran British journalist Michael Adams, now Editor of *Middle East International* (London); and Marwan Iskandar, editorial analyst for *Al-Nahar* newspaper in Beirut.

Other panels will address the issues of Lebanon and the PLO and will feature Middle East specialists from academic and official circles.

A special guest will be Bassam Skakaa, the nationalistic mayor of the city of Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, who lost both his legs as a result of a car bomb explosion last year. Mayor Skakaa's participation is contingent on the Israeli military authorities' giving him travel permission, which they have been reluctant to do because of the positive-impression made by Mayor Skakaa abroad.

Other activities at the convention will include a "Thank You, Algeria" luncheon May 9, honoring Algeria for its role in helping free the American hostages in Tehran, and featuring Algeria's ambassador to

Washington, Redha Mafek, who personally took part in the negotiations. There will also be a gala presentation of "Fashion Through the Ages," performed by a Jordanian folk troupe exhibiting costumes spanning 3,000 years of Middle Eastern history. The troupe presented the show before the Arab heads of state at the recent summit conference in Amman, Jordan and will be brought to the United States on their first trip by Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline.

NAAA is a Washington-based organization addressing issues of social and political concern to the two million Americans of Arab ancestry. The San Francisco Chapter of NAAA is providing local coordination for the convention.

## BRIEFS

**Majed to open fair**  
JEDDAH, April 24 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will open the Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society's fifth annual exhibition here Wednesday. The exhibition will comprise the second Saudi Arabian bookfair. Several male and female persons of letters will participate in the fair which will also display newspapers, magazines, historic books, rare pieces of calligraphy, and rare pictures of the late King Abdul Aziz, the late King Faisal and King Khaled. The show will last one week.

**Geology Congress**  
JEDDAH, April 24 (SPA) — A geological congress will be held here next February to compare pre-historic stones. The congress is organized by King Abdul Aziz University. Delegates will come from countries having

similar geological conditions as Saudi Arabia such as Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Egypt and most African countries.

**Hill company increases capital**  
HAIL, April 24 (SPA) — The capital of Hail Agriculture Development Company was raised Wednesday to SR300 million to give a chance to the largest possible number of citizens to buy shares. The decision was taken at a meeting of the company's founding members presided over by Prince Miqren ibn Abdul Aziz, the area's governor and honorary chairman of the company.

**Sultan to reside at ceremony**  
RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan will attend the graduation of the 39th class of King Abdul Aziz Military Academy of Riyadh Saturday morning.

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# Minor incidents mar Lebanon ceasefire

BEIRUT, April 24 (R) — Guns were mostly silent in Lebanon Friday as apart from minor incidents the country was calm for the first time this month.

In Beirut, the eastern town of Zahle and the southern border area, where more than 350 persons have died in the latest fighting, a tentative calm descended on Lebanon.

Two shells were fired at Beirut international airport, which remained effectively closed for the third day running but they caused only minor damage, airport sources said. Elsewhere in the capital, the ceasefire arranged by President Elias Sarkis Wednesday evening following violent artillery duels between Syrian peacekeeping forces and rightist militiamen seemed to be holding.

In Zahle, entirely surrounded by Syrian troops, security sources said there had been some artillery fire in the area during Thursday night, but there were no known casualties.

The town was quiet Friday morning except for limited sniper fire, the sources said. Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who met Major Saad Haddad, leader of the rightist

militia, in Tel Aviv Thursday said measures would be taken to avoid casualties among U.N. peacekeeping troops and civilian population in the South.

But, despite the lull, Lebanese newspapers said the roots of the conflicts in Lebanon had not been eliminated. Newspapers reported that the governor of Zahle, Henri Lahou, Thursday discussed the situation there with Col. Muhammad Ghanem, chief intelligence of the Syrian troops based in the nearby town of Shtoura.

The independent daily *An-Nahar* said a plan was being considered to replace rightist militia in Zahle with Lebanese police and gendarmes, but other newspapers said the rightists were still refusing to pull out. The presence of the militia in Zahle is the main obstacle to complete Syrian control of the Bekaa Valley, which borders Syria.

In Beirut, President Sarkis conferred with military leaders and cabinet ministers as part of what state radio called "intensive political contacts to stabilize security and pave the way for moving toward a political dialogue next week."

# UNRWA to retain teachers

BEIRUT, April 24 (AP) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees Thursday suspended a decision to dismiss 9,479 refugee teachers after special contributions cut down its budget deficit, according to a statement issued by the U.N. information office in Vienna.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck told the 16,700-member UNRWA staff that due to "some improvement in the financial outlook," UNRWA had decided to suspend the dismissal action, said the statement received here by telex. "The gap between budgeted expenditure and income pledged for 1981 is still very wide. However," Rydbeck was quoted as saying, "and I shall have to keep the situation under review."

UNRWA had sounded an alarm earlier this year that it would have to close its 635 schools in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the occupied West Bank of Jordan, if it could not cover a budget deficit of \$70.3 million. The dismissal notices were to have been sent by the end of April.

# 5 Palestinian students arrested in West Bank

TEL AVIV, April 24 (R) — Five Palestinian students from the occupied West Bank were arrested Thursday night after a demonstration at the U.S. consulate in east Jerusalem was broken up by the police, a police spokesman said.

The students, from Bir Zeit University in Ramallah, said they were protesting against a decision by the United States to extradite to Israel a man wanted here for rebel activity. Israel has asked for the extradition of

Zayad Abu Zein to face charges of sabotage and a number of attacks in which several persons were injured.

Meanwhile, several hundred persons demonstrated here Thursday to mark the formation of a movement calling for an end to Israel's evacuation of Sinai.

Israel agreed under the Camp David peace accords with Egypt to withdraw from all of the Sinai peninsula by April next year.

The movement, consisting mainly of members of the ultra-nationalist Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) and Zionist West Bank settlers, held its inaugural meeting then marched in demonstration through the streets of Jerusalem to the wailing wall, in the old city.

# Qaddafi visits Russia Monday

MOSCOW, April 24 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi will visit the Soviet Union next Monday and Tuesday, the Soviet news agency Tass announced Friday.

Tass said that Qaddafi's visit will have "a view to strengthening and developing further friendly relations" between the two countries. Qaddafi was last in Moscow in 1976. Libya is a major purchaser of Soviet arms.

Last month, Moscow announced about Qaddafi's visit but no dates were given.

# Bani-Sadr pledges PLO support

TEHRAN, April 24 (R) — Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, renewing his pledge to shun the superpowers, has said he looked forward to a time when Iran would fight beside the Palestinians in Lebanon.

Answering questions at a press conference Thursday, the president delivered a fulsome testimony of support of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the unity of strife-torn Lebanon. He said Iran's support might be limited at the moment to words due to war-related difficulties. "But we look forward to the day when we fight side by side with the Palestinians in their struggle with the oppressors."

## BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was wounded in an assassination attempt last month, it was reported here Friday by the newspaper *Al-Baath*, official organ of the anti-Iraqi ruling Baath Party of Syria.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. officials said Thursday they had heard nothing to confirm reports that American officials have conferred secretly with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Vienna. The Voice of Lebanon radio said it had received reports of "top secret" meetings between U.S. officials and the PLO earlier this month in Vienna.

CAIRO, (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Thursday discussed agricultural cooperation with Prof. Porhailis of the Israeli Agriculture Ministry, Israeli embassy officials said.

ISTANBUL, (R) — The Turkish government authorities Thursday released from custody 113 leaders of Turkey's left-wing labor organization, Disk, because they did not have previous police records, military sources said. The command is still detaining 195 other Disk leaders, including chairman Abdullah Basturk and Secretary General Fehmi Iriklar.

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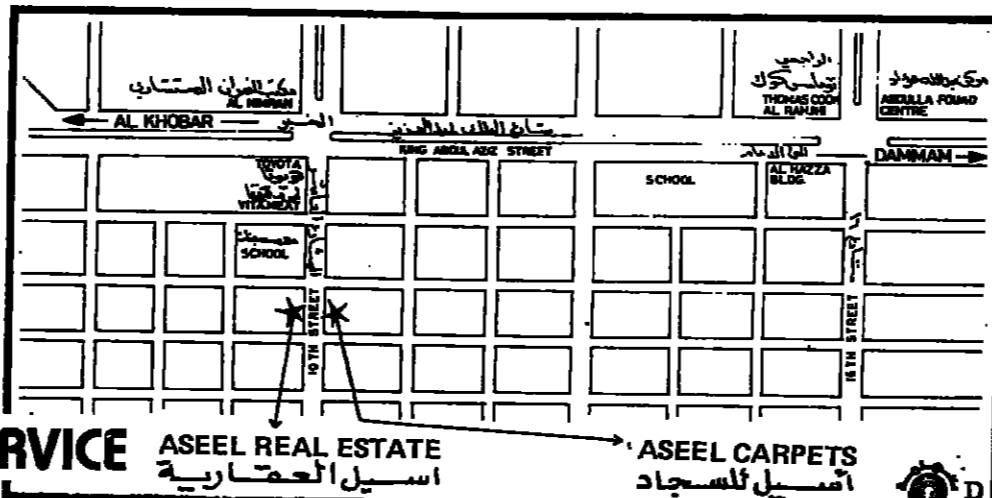
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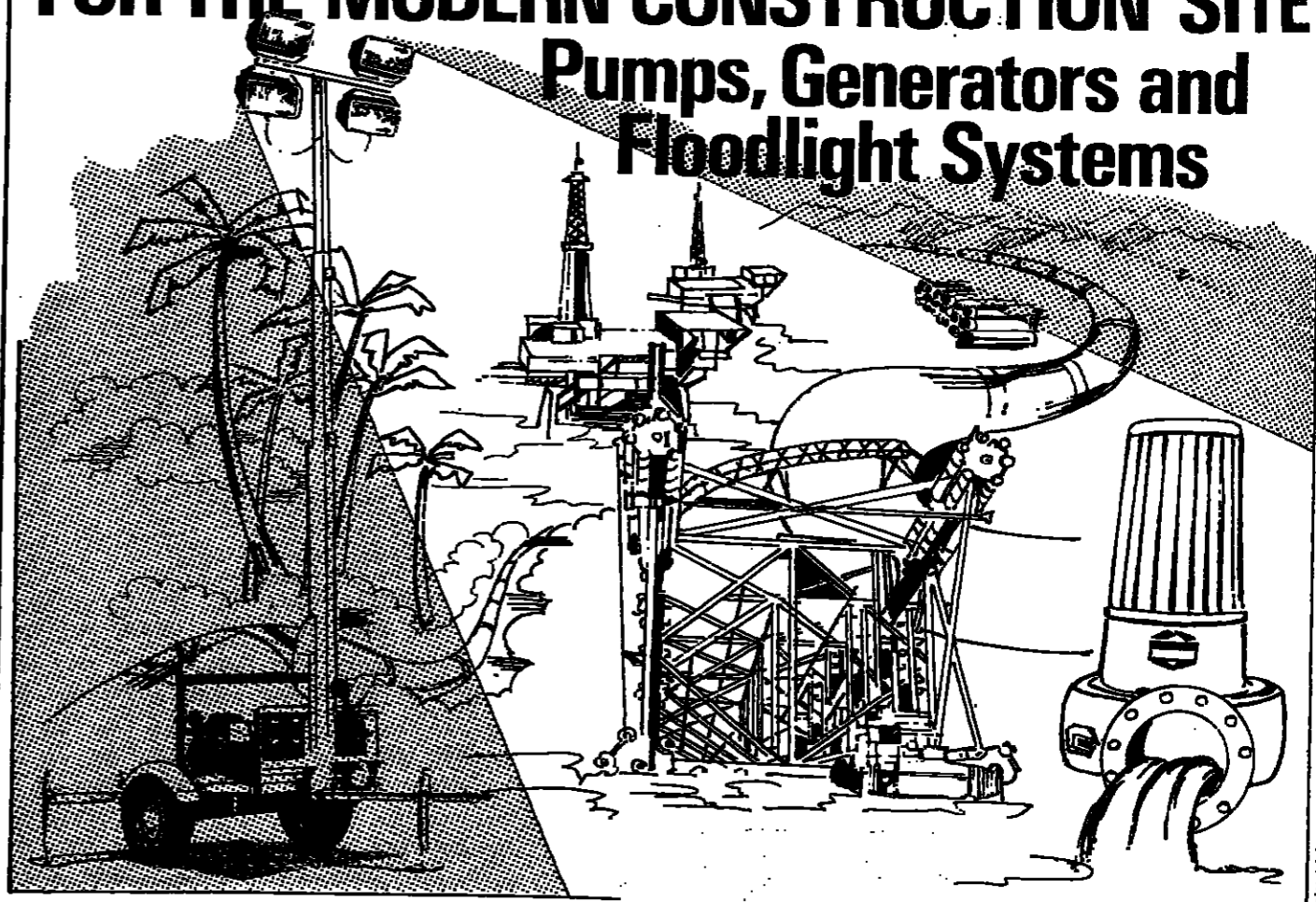
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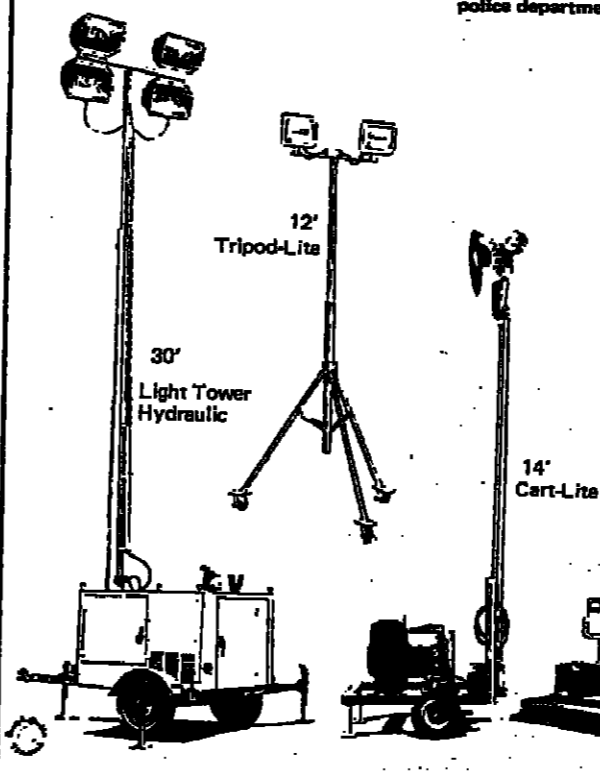


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# Kingdom's ties, trade with Germany growing

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 24 — The visit of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on April 27 underscores the growing bilateral relations between Saudi Arabia and the Federal Republic of Germany.



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will arrive in Riyadh April 27 on a three-day official visit. A report released here Friday by the official Saudi Press Agency said the growth of the

two countries' relations in the last few years has deepened the bilateral relations between the two friendly nations.

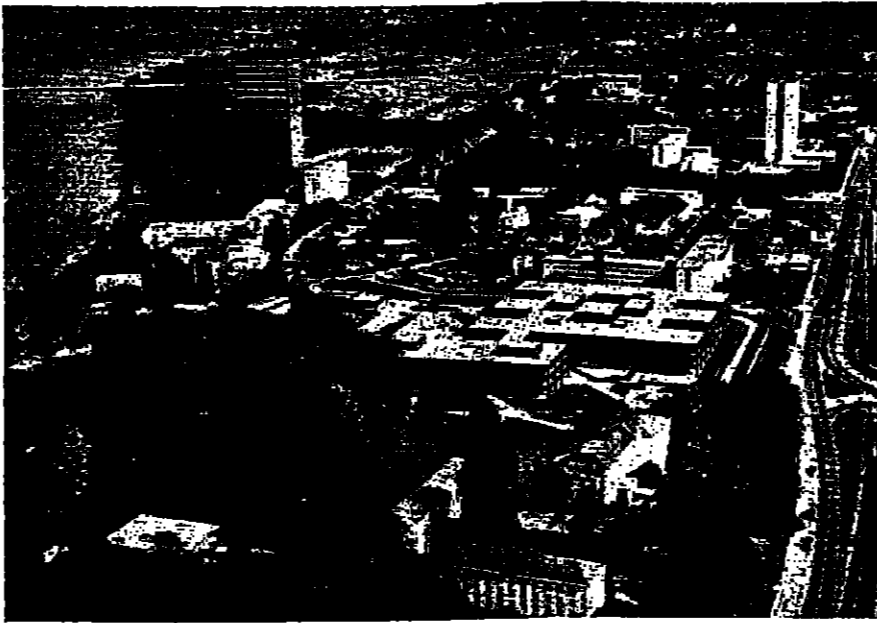
As an indication of the strong bonds, the agency quoted Minister of National Finance and Economy Sheikh Abu Al-Khail as saying that German exports to the Kingdom rose 25 times in the 1972-1979 period.

German imports from Saudi Arabia also rose 400 per cent in the same period, the minister said. He added that the volume of contracts signed by German firms in the Kingdom reached SR24 billion since 1973 while 58 joint ventures totaled SR3 billion.

German officials on the other hand say that Saudi Arabia is the second largest trading partner, after the United States, of the Federal Republic outside the European community.

Saudi Arabian-German relations were first forged in 1929 when King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud signed a friendship treaty with Germany which continues until this day with only minor modification to keep pace with new requirements.

According to a German press statement released here Friday the two-way trade volume between the countries had increased from DM7.5 billion in 1976 to DM 14.2 billion in 1980 — a rise of 89.3 per cent in the five year period. German private investment in Saudi Arabia has increased. (German engineers and technicians were the first to



BONN: The government quarters in Bonn, with a view of the Rhine (left) and the Siebengebirge hills in the background.

help build the Hejaz railway from Damascus to Medina at the beginning of this century). Cooperation within the framework of "technical cooperation against payment" has laid emphasis on vocational training.

Total volume of trade increased from DM 7,500 million in 1976 to DM 14,200 million in 1980, a rise of 89.3 per cent in five years.

Oil, accounted for 98.2 per cent of the total German imports from Saudi Arabia in 1980. Motor vehicles and spare parts, accounted for 23.3 per cent of the total German exports to Saudi Arabia in the same year, followed by electro-technical products (20.3 per cent), machines (16.7 per cent) and iron and ironwares (13.1 per cent).

The Federal Republic of Germany is the third main supplier of goods to Saudi Arabia (after the United States and Japan). Of countries receiving German goods throughout the world, Saudi Arabia is in 13th place and second among non-European customers of Germany (after the United States).

In 1980, Saudi Arabia maintained its position as the main foreign supplier of oil, sending 24.6 million tons; this was 25.4 per cent of total German oil imports (96.7 million tons).

Further expansion in German-Saudi Arabian trade is expected, according to the statement, clearly, the surplus achieved by Saudi Arabia in trade with Germany in 1980 — the first since 1977 — resulted largely from oil price increases; but it was also partially brought about by an increase in oil deliveries compared to 1979 (a rise of 8.7 million tons); there were increases, too, in supply of refinery products (petroleum and lubricants).

Apart from Saudi Arabia's importance as a supplier of oil to Germany, factors indicate growth in the exchange of goods between the two countries are: the rise in German private capital investment in Saudi Arabia, the participation of German business and industry in economic expansion here and participation in fairs and exhibitions in either country.

An expression of the good relations between the Federal Republic and Saudi Arabia can be seen also in the exchange of visits by

leading government officials. In 1980 King Khalid paid a state visit and in 1978 and 1979 Crown Prince Fahd accompanied by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal made official visits to Germany. Prince Saud also visited Bonn last year.

These were preceded by visits by Oil Minister Zaki Yamani (1974) and the Minister for Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi (1977). The deputy education minister, Prince Khaled bin Fahd, and the deputy minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Dr. Ghazi Sultan, were in Germany in 1978, while Finance and Economics Minister Muhammad Abu Al-Khail, Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and Planning Minister Hisham Nazer came in 1979.

Prominent German visitors to Saudi Arabia included Chancellor Schmidt (1976); Foreign Minister Genscher (1975 and 1979) the then minister for research and Technology; Volker Hauff (now Transport) (1978 and 1980); for Economic Co-operation Rainer Offergeld (1979); for Economics Otto Count Lamsdorff (1979 and 1980); and for Finance Hans Matthoerfer (1980); a delegation from the Deutscher Bundestag (1978); the State Premier of Bavaria, Franz-Josef Strauss (1977) and the Mayor of the city-state of Hamburg, Hans-Ulrich Klose (1978). Federal Bank President Pohl was there in 1980, and State Secretary Schulmann of the Finance Ministry in 1981.

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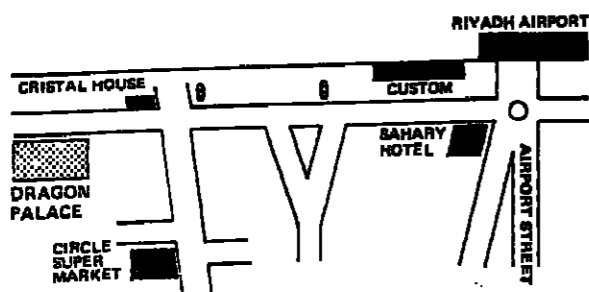
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# Popularity of Reagan soars high

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — More than two out of five Americans say Ronald Reagan has accomplished more in the opening months of his administration than past United States presidents, an Associated Press-NBC news poll says. As Reagan moves toward the end of his first 100 days in office, the public has strong, positive feelings about him as a person and a generally high opinion of his work as president.

The assassination attempt March 30 — and Reagan's handling of it — apparently added to his store of goodwill with the public. His ratings have soared to the highest levels yet in the wake of the shooting. The latest AP-NBC news poll is based on telephone interviews with 1,604 adults across the country April 13-14.

Americans say they think Reagan has accomplished a good bit in his first months in office, but they were not really surprised. More than two out of five persons — 42 per cent — think Reagan has accomplished more than past presidents in his first months in office. Forty-six per cent said his accomplishments have been little different from other presidents and seven per cent said he has done less.

Two-thirds of those questioned said Reagan's work had been about what they had expected of him. 27 per cent said he had been done better than they had expected and five per cent said he had done worse. Those most impressed by Reagan's work have been those who voted for his opponents last fall.

# Artificial skin saves burn victims

BOSTON, Massachusetts, April 24 (AP) — Artificial skin made from cowhide, shark cartilage and plastic has been successfully used for treating severely burned patients, and doctors hope the patients will be able to keep the new skin permanently. So far none shows signs of rejecting the substitute skin, which feels similar to skin grafts taken from the patients own body.

Dr. John F. Burke of Massachusetts General Hospital, one of the developers of the skin, presented his first report on the work Thursday at a convention in Chicago, Illinois, of the American Surgical Association. The first transplant of the artificial skin on a human being was performed 16 months ago, and Burke said three of the 10 recipients so far would probably have died without the treatment.

Burke and Dr. Ioannis Yannas of Massachusetts Institute of Technology have been developing the skin for 10 years. Yannas said the team hopes the patients will be able to keep the skin forever, although it is too soon to make any prediction.

The goal, he said in an interview, was "to treat the patient so he would survive and go back home. After that the intention was to create a skin covering for the patient that would enable him to look like he did before he was brought into the hospital. These goals were achieved."

Meanwhile, another study says testing blood donations for an enzyme associated with a mild form of hepatitis could cut down on incidence of the disease among blood recipients. But some doctors question whether such screening would be worthwhile.

Blood banks would have to discard about

three per cent of their collections, the study says, and three doctors, including a federal blood bank official, asked if the drawbacks outweigh the potential benefits to people's health. About 10 per cent of the people who receive blood transfusions contract non-A, non-B hepatitis, a usually mild form of the liver disease. About 40 per cent of these cases could be eliminated by blood screening, the six-year, federally financed study concluded.

The study on 1,513 persons at nine hospitals and blood banks was directed by Dr. Richard D. Aach of Sinai hospital in Baltimore and published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*. Researchers found that non-A, non-B hepatitis is most commonly transmitted by blood that contains an enzyme called alanine aminotransferase (ALT).

# Filipino opposition to boycott election

MANILA, April 24 (AP) — The United Democratic Opposition, a coalition of forces opposed to President Ferdinand E. Marcos, announced Friday it has decided to boycott the June 16 Philippine presidential election, saying it is a device to perpetuate Marcos in power.

The opposition leaders, former senator Gerardo Roxas and ex-congressman Jose Laurel, announced their decision at a press conference following a closed door meeting of 50 politicians belonging to eight opposition political parties or groups.

In a statement, the opposition group said it has "decided not to field or support a candidate for president or to take part in this election except to seminate as fully as it can the reasons for this decision and to urge every Filipino to join in a total, nationwide boycott."

# Second trip in September

# Spaceship gets new crew

HOUSTON, April 24 (AP) — Astronauts John Young and Bob Crippen are passing their "used" spaceship *Columbia* to a new crew, unofficially ending a three-year association with the craft that often tried their patience before earning their glowing respect. "I hope you take care of it," Young said Thursday as he and Crippen transferred *Columbia*'s "key" at a news conference here.

Young and Crippen set the tone for the conference, interlacing a series of jokes with their reports of the shuttle's "phenomenal" performance on its maiden flight earlier this month. They had a right to be relaxed and relieved. For all those years they had watched and waited, sweating out one space shuttle problem after another.

Since their return to earth, they have been closeted with the experts discussing the flight in detail. They will be called on for more information, and there will be a trip to the White House and other public appearances. But when they turned in their pilots' reports and held the news conference at the Johnson

Space Center Thursday, it was an unofficial end of their association with *Columbia*. They signified that when they summoned the spaceship's second crew, Joe Engle and Richard Truly, to the stage and presented them with a large gold-painted key with *Columbia* stamped on it.

The second flight is scheduled in September. "We have only one spacecraft right now and we have to take turns flying it," Young told them. "I hope you take care of it." Young and Crippen also said they're getting in line for another flight — if not on *Columbia*, one of three other shuttles now planned, *Challenger*, *Atlantis* and *Discovery*. "I'd love to go up again," Crippen said.

The astronauts showed movies and slides of their trip and answered questions about the view. "It was so beautiful, it's too difficult to describe," Crippen said. "Seventy-two sunrises and sunsets in 2 1/2 days is what makes space flight really exciting," Young stated.

They beamed a slide of a picture they snapped of Tehran from 172,277 kms up and said they planned to send autographed prints to the 52 Americans once held hostage there, "to show them a picture of their former hometown."

Meanwhile, the White House announced Thursday that President Ronald Reagan will nominate James Montgomery Beggs, and executive of the General Dynamics Corp., to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Beggs, 55, executive vice president for aerospace of General Dynamics since 1974, served as associate administrator in NASA's office of advanced research and technology in 1968-69 and as undersecretary of transportation in the first Nixon administration.

# West asks Africans to give up sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, April 24 (R) — African diplomats gave a chilly initial response to appeals from Britain and the United States Thursday night to abandon their demands for sanctions against South Africa and to continue negotiations for the independence of Namibia (South West Africa). But they declined to say when they might formally submit resolutions to the U.N. Security Council calling for a full-scale economic embargo against South Africa.

Such resolutions were certain to be vetoed by the United States, Britain or France if pressed to a vote. African and other third world countries said they would then call for a special emergency session of the general assembly.

# Thai army joins police to fight crime

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 24 (AP) — Some 150 military police will patrol Bangkok streets daily alongside city policemen in a move to combat the city's soaring crime rate, first army commander Lt. Gen. Athit Kamlangek said Friday. He said the military police will join the city police on 24-hour patrols beginning Saturday. He said the

operation would be reviewed every seven days, and that "if it is successful the operation will be continued."

Police statistics show the crime rate in Bangkok increased 19 per cent between January and March over a year ago. Police recorded 119 murders in the capital last month, compared with 95 in March 1980.



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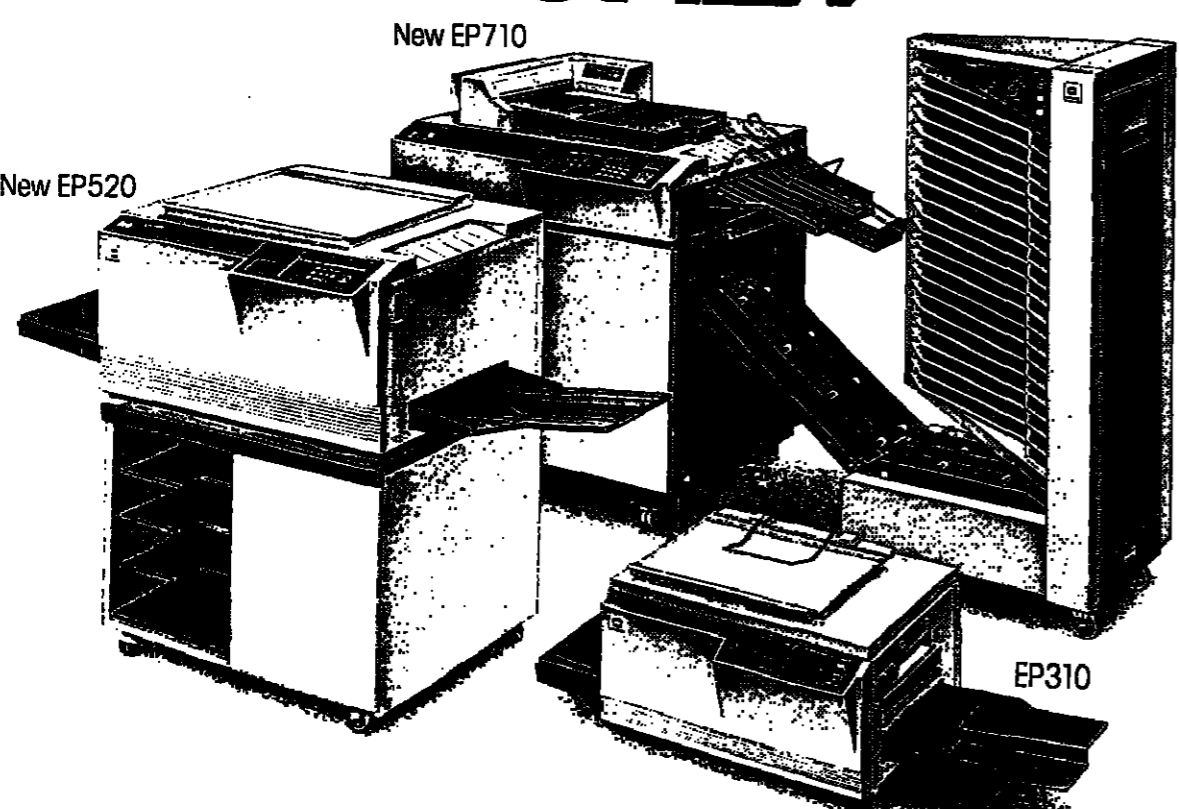
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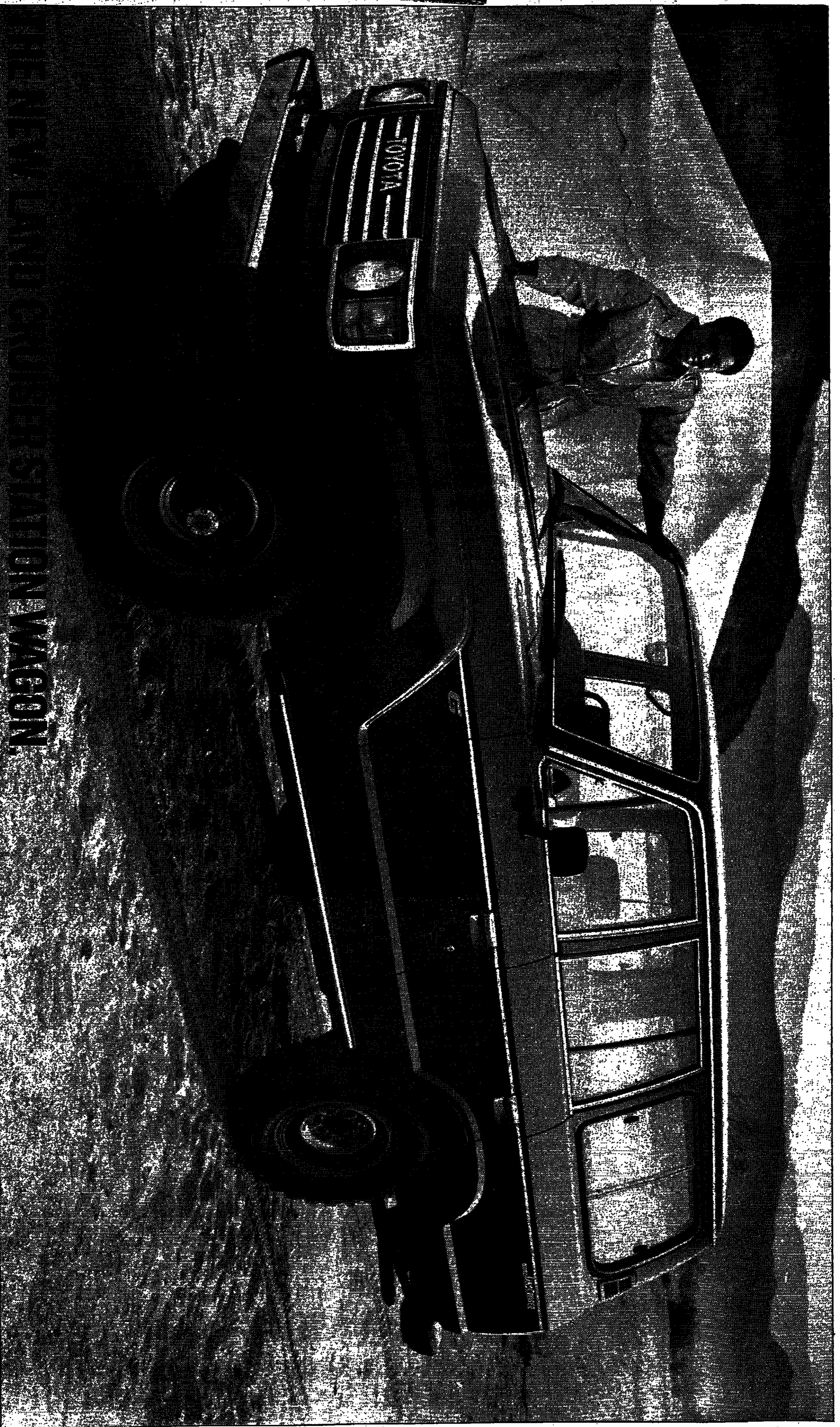
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**Eases reserve clause**

**IMF hikes interest rate to 12.5%**

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund has announced an increase in the interest rates on the money it trades among its 141 member countries, including the United States and China. Debtor countries, in compensation, won freedom in using the money — called Special Drawing Rights or SDRs — that the IMF regularly creates for use of its members. The United States and other big industrial coun-

tries get the bulk of these funds, but the poor countries also get some.

The poor countries will no longer be obliged to hold reserves amounting to about \$1,265,000,000, 15 per cent of all they have received, in SDRs. But they will have to pay higher interest on it. Reserves of less than 15 per cent are now being held by about 30 countries, including Israel, the Philippines, Jamaica, Greece, Thailand and some of the

poorest countries in Africa. They will no longer have to worry about buying more SDRs to meet the requirement, and can dispose of the rest as they like.

The object of the operation, the IMF said, is to increase the attractiveness of its own form of currency — the SDR. It would like to make the SDR the main asset that countries hold in their reserves, rather than gold, dollars or other currencies. So far, the member countries have agreed to issue only 21,433,300,000 of these — far too few for that purpose.

Governments of poor countries would like to see a massive increase — 50 billion during the next five years — but the United States and other rich countries, which have the major voting power in the IMF, have been resisting. At present rates, each SDR is worth about \$1.205.

The interest rate paid on SDRs will rise on May 1 to 12.58 per cent a year instead of the current 10.125 per cent.

**Kuwait plans joint venture with U.S. firm**

HONOLULU, April 24 (AP) — A proposed joint venture between Pacific Resources, Inc., and Kuwait will "underwrite the self-sufficiency of Hawaii's energy needs," James F. Gary, PRI chairman and chief executive officer, has said.

The venture is being developed by PRI, Hawaii's major energy supplier, and the Kuwait Petroleum Corp. to engage in a wide range of energy-related activities primarily in the Pacific basin area, Gary said. In a prepared statement, KPC chairman Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said the venture marks Kuwait's "first move to develop business opportunities with an established American independent company."

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the venture would be managed by PRI, which would contribute its oil refining, marketing and related petroleum operations.

**Supply exceeds demand**

**Oil market 'fragile,' IEA says**

PARIS, April 24 (AFP) — The world oil market remains "fragile," despite a glut of crude and declining oil prices, International Energy Agency (IEA) Executive Director Lantze said here Friday. "There is no change in the basic underlying trends," he added.

Dr. Lantze agreed that supply from member countries of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) now exceeds demand. "It may result in a spare capacity in OPEC of three million barrels a day compared to demand," he said.

"But this can be wiped away from one day to another," he told Agence France-Presse. "You never can be sure of that." "We had the same situation in 1978, when everybody was talking about a glut," he added recalling the situation that prevailed on the world oil market just before the revolution in Iran which triggered what is referred to by Western experts as the "second oil shock." Official oil prices have increased by over 150 per cent as a result of an overall shortfall in supplies due to the temporary suspension of Iranian exports in 1979.

Dr. Lantze also took a skeptical view of the reports in the past few days that oil exporting countries are reducing their prices. "Have you ever seen (oil) prices really coming down?" he asked.

The governing board of the IEA — which groups the 21 leading oil importing countries

except France — officially acknowledged three weeks ago that the tensions caused on the oil market by the outbreak of the Iran Iraq war last September have subsided. It also advised member countries to engage in "orderly" stockbuilding to secure adequate stocks in time for the new winter season.

Dr. Lantze was confident that the easing of the oil supplies would not lead to complacency on the part of member countries regarding energy policy.

**Taipei may lift investment curbs on foreigners**

TAIPEI, April 24 (AP) — The stock market of the Republic of China may be reopened to foreign investors, stock sources here said. They said the securities exchange commission, which governs the nation's stock exchanges, is drafting regulations to allow foreign participation in the market again.

The government adopted measures in 1967 to permit foreign investment in the market, but because of the stiffness of the regulations, little foreign investment flowed into the Island's stock market.

**U.S. oil firms' profits dip**

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — Two of the largest U.S. oil companies, Exxon Corp and Gulf Oil Corp., have reported sharp declines in their first-quarter earnings, citing a worldwide oversupply of oil and slackening demand.

Industry leader Exxon said Thursday its earnings for the first three months of the year fell 16.9 per cent to \$1.6 billion from \$1.9

billion in last year's first quarter. Revenues rose 9.6 per cent to \$30.32 billion \$27.65 billion a year ago.

Gulf, ranked No. 5 among U.S. oil companies, reported its net income fell 22 per cent to \$303 million from \$389 million in the comparable year-ago period. Revenues rose 1.5 per cent to \$7.87 billion from \$7.75 billion.

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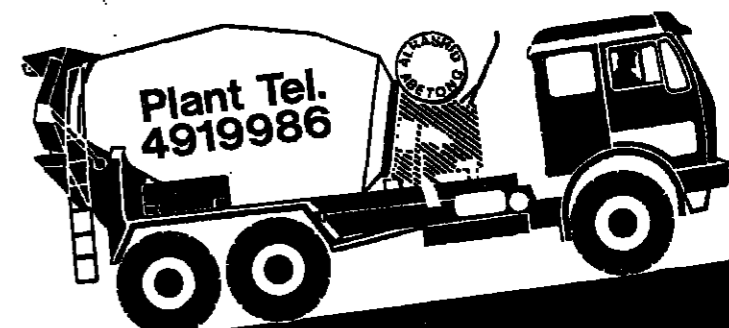


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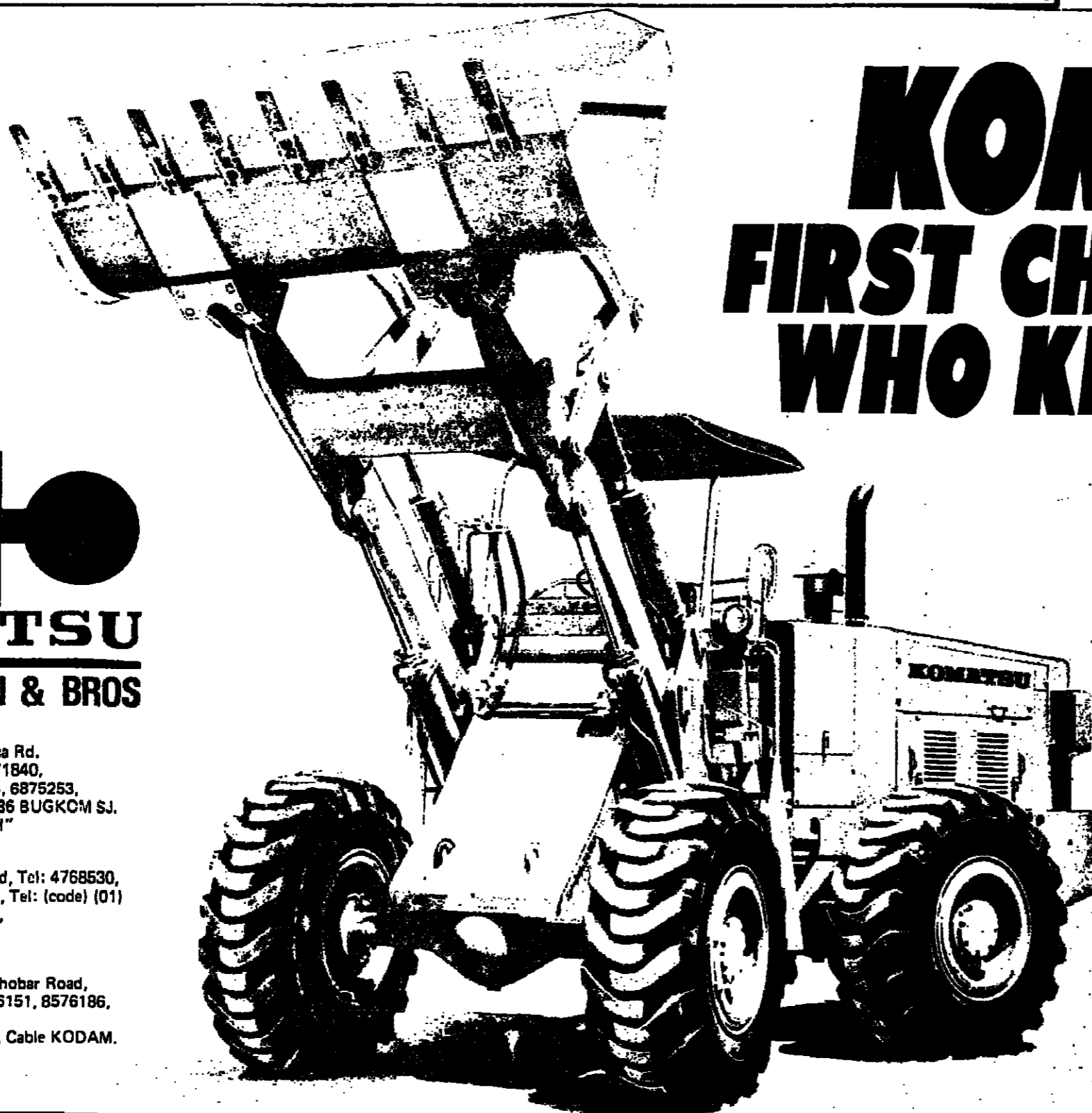


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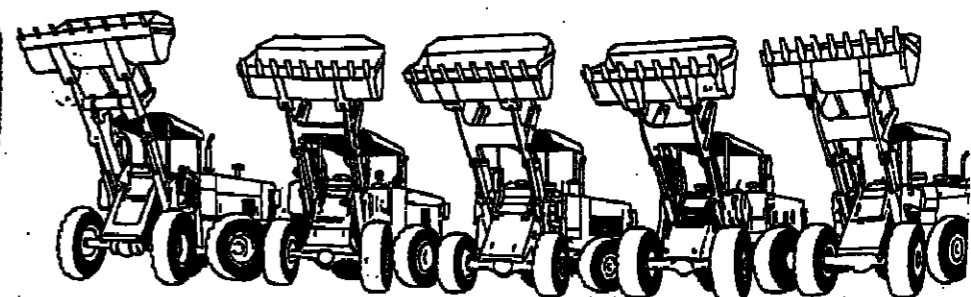
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Support on economic plan

# Reagan to address Congress Tuesday

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan will address a joint session of Congress Tuesday night on his economic program.

The president, who has not been seen in public since he was shot in an assassination attempt March 30, will go before the House and Senate at 9 p.m. (0200 GMT Wednesday). Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes has said.

His address will come one day after Congress returns from a two-week Easter recess. Speakes said Thursday Reagan's economic recovery program was "a subject the president believes is of the utmost importance to the nation and one on which he believes he

should communicate in person with members of the House and Senate at this time."

"He feels it is particularly important that he outlined his views as his program moves forward in the legislative process," Speakes said at a White House briefing for reporters. "He is eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to be back on Capitol Hill."

Meanwhile, top White House aides predicted Thursday that Congress will complete action in August on Reagan's economic program.

They refused to say whether the president might be willing to compromise on his demand that Congress enact a three-year tax cut.

# IFAD gives \$35m loan to China

ROME, April 24 (AP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development Friday announced approval of loans totaling \$39.2 million to help finance agricultural and livestock development projects in China and five African countries.

The \$35 million IFAD loan to Peking is the first development loan to be given to that country by an international financial institution. The IFAD said the long-term loan to China will help finance development of pasture and forage farming over 1.45 million hectares in the provinces of Heilungjiang and Hebei as well as in the inner Mongolia autonomous region, in northern China. Other project loans approved Friday will go to Benin, Upper Volta, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Zambia.

The IFAD also approved grants to nine agricultural research institutes, including the International Center for Agricultural Research in the dry areas in Beirut, Lebanon (\$1,440,000), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan, Nigeria, (\$1,610,000), Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical in Cali, Colombia, (\$900,000), the International Rice Research Institute in Manila, Philippines, (\$1,700,000), the Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands in Damascus, Syria, (\$964,000), the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi, Kenya (\$670,000), and the International Crops Research Institute for the semi-arid tropics in Hyderabad, India, (\$300,000).

# U.S. cost of living up

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) — The cost of living index in the United States rose by only 0.6 per cent in March, reflecting an annual rate of 7.5 per cent, following a one per cent rise in February the Labor Department has said.

# EEC's energy use declines 4.6 per cent drop

BRUSSELS, April 24 (AP) — The European Economic Community in 1980 registered its biggest drop in energy use in five years, thanks not so much to conservation programs as to warm weather and a chilly economic climate.

These were the findings of a report issued Friday by the EEC statistical bureau. It said the nine EEC countries used 4.6 per cent less energy in 1980 than in 1979, representing 44 million tons less consumption of oil or its equivalent.

Consumption was well within targets set in 1979 by energyminded leaders at a summit meeting dominated by concern for the damaging impact of mounting oil prices. Conservation measures were later adopted.

In its report, the EEC said the 1980 figures, "the significant fall in consumption is due to various factors accompanying the poor-economic situation."

Among the factors were the decline in the steel industry, a major energy consuming business, and higher temperatures in 1980 compared to 1979, the coldest European winter in decades.

# Egypt to get \$50m wheat from U.S.

CAIRO, April 24 (R) — The United States has agreed to supply Egypt with 260,000 tons of wheat and wheat flour worth \$50 million in addition to one million tons supplied under a previous agreement, a U.S. embassy press release has said Thursday.

The earlier accord for wheat and wheat flour worth \$210 million signed in December, provided for a 40-year loan at concessional rates of interest with a 10 year grace period. Since 1974, the United States has supplied Egypt with some eight million tons of U.S. food and agricultural products worth more than \$1 billion.

The EEC countries consumed 924.5 million tons of oil equivalent in 1978, 969.7 million tons in 1979 and 925.9 million tons in 1980.

Whatever the cause, the statistics showed several bright spots in the EEC's attempt to reduce dependence on oil, especially imported oil, and to get every country to reduce its use of energy. The report said the nine countries imported 420.3 million tons of oil in 1980, 40 million tons less than a target set by the EEC commission. Much of the credit went to the production of North Sea oil.

In addition to reducing its dependence on imported oil, the Common Market lowered the percentage of oil used in relation to other forms.

Oil's share fell from 54.2 per cent in 1979 to 51.8 per cent in 1980. Coal use rose from 19.7 per cent to 20.7 per cent, nuclear energy rose from 3.8 per cent to 4.6 per cent and natural gas increased its share from 17.8 per cent to 18.2 per cent.

Energy use declined in every country, with Italy having the smallest drop — 1.2 per cent, and Britain registering the biggest decrease, 9.2 per cent.

# London Commodities

	April 24	April 23
Gold (\$ per ounce)	495	491.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	530	524
3 months	548	540
Copper cash	846	839.00
3 months	866	859.00
Tin cash	5935	5960.00
3 months	6015	6090.00
Lead cash	354	351.00
3 months	360	359.00
Zinc cash	381	382.00
3 months	394	392.00
Aluminium cash	604	612.00
3 months	625	632.00
Nickel cash	2885	2850.00
3 months	2950	2910.00
Sugar May	206.5	204.50
August	205.25	205.00
Coffee May	1072	1065.00
July	1075	1066.00
Cocoa May	937	954.00
July	957	977

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd. P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653986, Jeddah.

# WorldBank lends Amman \$25m

AMMAN, April 24 (AP) — Jordan is to receive a \$ 25 million loan from the World Bank to finance development projects in the Kingdom, officials here said here.

They said Thursday part of the long-term loan would be used to construct an electricity network to serve 50 villages.

# JAL staff accepts 5.2 per cent pay rise

TOKYO, April 24 (R) — Flight crew of Japan Airlines (JAL) accepted a 5.2 per cent pay rise after a 24-hour strike Thursday as Japan's annual spring pay offensive — the 'shunto' — neared its end.

Most of the major transport unions which had threatened to disrupt services have agreed to wage increases well below their initial demands. JAL unions Thursday night called off another strike planned for Friday. Thursday's stoppage led to the cancellation of five international and 45 domestic flights.

# Foreign Exchange Rates

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Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60	8.93
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Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	156.00	155.60
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	142.00	139.85
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.10	91.35
French Franc (100)	65.00	66.50	65.60
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.95
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	32.00	31.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.35	10.32
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.22
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Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.00	69.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.29	7.37	7.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	39.00	38.10
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	174.00	170.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	52.50	86.50
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National League - Eastern Division

Phillies start as hot favorites

By Cynthia Shanley

HOUSTON, April 24 - The 1981 Philadelphia Phillies have emerged as favorites to win the Eastern Division of the Baseball National League for the fourth time in the past five seasons.

The Phillies began an active spring training by sending "unhappy" Randy Lerch to Milwaukee for Dick Davis, a quality hitter who beats up on left-handers. "One thing we were short on last season was right-handed hitting off the bench," Manager Dallas Green said in an interview with the Philadelphia Daily News. "We've got that problem solved."

Next to go was second-year right-hander Bob Walk, who filled in nobly when injuries struck the pitching staff. But with veteran right-handers Larry Christenson, Nino Espinosa and Dick Ruthven healthy and rookie September-October hero Marty Bystrom in the rotation, Walk was expendable. He went to the Braves for outfielder Gary Matthews, the right-handed power hitter Green sought to run as an entry with MVP and home-run king Mike Schmidt in the middle of the lineup.

This made Greg Luzinski, plagued by injuries and personality conflicts with Green, excess baggage and he was sold to the Chicago White Sox in a straight cash deal late in the spring.

The Phillies go into the season with out a certifiable weakness.

The lineup is so solid that Sporting News Rookie of the Year Lonnie Smith and good-looking power hitter Keith Moreland will open the season as reserves. Moreland, Smith and Davis give the Phillies excellent hitting from the right-handed side of the bench and Green's left-handed side is blessed by the presence of versatile veterans Del Unser and Greg Gross. The infield of Schmidt, Larry Bowa, Manny Trillo and ageless Pete Rose is unmatched defensively. Right fielder Bake McBride is coming off his finest season and Maddox remains the Secretary of Defense in center. Matthews will be better defensively in left than Luzinski.

Add Cy Young Award winner Steve Carlton and relief ace Tug McGraw and Sparky Lyle to the pitching picture and you have a potential Mona Lisa. One more plus: it is



DALLAS GREEN, the Phillies manager, who has a powerful outfit.

doubtful their barking manager will let them grow complacent.

Montreal, with a younger and possibly even more solid eight than the Phillies, failed to come up with a bull pen hammer in the off-season. Left fielder Ron LeFlore is gone and it is doubtful that rookie Tim Lincecum, a second baseman by trade, can steal as many bases or score as many runs as the man the Expos made no attempt to sign.

The Expos' strength is that they have narrowly missed winning the division the past two seasons with a young cast which can no longer use inexperience as an excuse. The outfield of Raines, Andre Dawson and Warren Cromartie covers more ground than the Royal Canadian Mounties. Scouts say all the swift Raines must do is put the ball in play to hit. 300. Gary Carter is baseball's best catcher and the starting rotation of Steve Rogers, Dave Palmer, Scott Sanderson and strikeout artist Bill Gulikson could throw Maggie Trudean through a carwash without getting her wet.

Dick Williams' bench will be fortified by rookies from the Denver juggernaut which pulverized the American Association and

includes power-hitting outfielder-third baseman Tim Wallach.

But the bullpen shows its age. Woodie Fryman is a veteran of the French and Indian Wars. Stan Bahnsen and Elias Sosa are on the north side of 30 and neither is in the McGraw, Bruce Sutter class. In mid-March, the Expos looked strong enough to win it, but the Phillies went to the telephone and passed them by.

Whitey Herzog stamped the Dallas winter meetings by making so many deals it will take the Cardinals half a season to get acquainted.

The chief additions were right-handed starter Larry Sorensen, free-agent catcher Darrell Porter and All-World reliever Bruce Sutter. The chief subtractions were catching prospect Terry Kennedy, third baseman Ken Reitz and a tremendous catcher and switch hitter named Ted Simmons.

Insiders feel that Herzog made one deal too many in Dallas, that he should have kept Rollie Fingers, a paperwork Cardinal, to help Sutter and hung onto Simmons, once the hub of an attack which hit for impressive team average but doesn't score all that many runs. Nobody will faint going against a starting rotation of Bob Forsch, Tom Shirley, Sorensen, Andy Rincon and Silvio Martinez.

A lot of pressure will be on outfielder Sixto Lezcano, the key to the Simmons deal, to pick up the offensive slack. It will not be easy. Sixto is coming off a .229 season in Milwaukee.

The Cardinals were so wretched last season that a move to third place in a strong division would be a significant improvement.

Willie Stargell is 40. Dave Parker is coming off a knee surgery and the starting pitching is suspect, particularly now that Pirate fans won't have Bert Blyleven, the Crying Dutchman to kick around any more.

Chuck Tanner's pitching staff has gone so far south that people are talking about Rick Rhoden, a sore-arm casualty last year, as the potential ace. The left-handed starting candidates behind off-injured John Candelaria include Bob Owchinko and Rod Scurry.

Tanner remains the eternal optimist. He'd hoist the mains with a tornado warning in effect. But the Bucs can still sting the ball. Parker had a fine spring and Bill Madlock, Mike Easler, Phil Garner and Lee Lacy are fine offensive players. But the defense has never been of Gold Glove caliber and the pitching staff is ready for a major overhaul.

Which brings up the have-nots, the Mets and Cubs. And of the East's certified, guaranteed doormats. The Mets appear to have the better shot of the two at confounding the experts. Joe Torre's club hit 61 homers last year, good enough to tie Roger Maris' record. This year, prodigal son Dave Kingman and sweet-singing gourmand Rusty Staub should approach that figure by themselves. (To be continued Sunday with the American League, East Division)

In Lufthansa Soccer

Runaway victories

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, April 24 - The Lufthansa Cup moved into the quarterfinal stages last week amidst what appears to be either end of season apathy or unfortunate timing. Of the four matches scheduled in the main competition, two teams conceded walkovers, while in the first round of the plate tournament, one of the two matches was also decided on a walkover.

Predictions of an upset by FOJP crumbled when they turned out against Hochtiel with only eight players. FOJP also crumbled (although not without a fight), and abandoned the match at halftime, feeling, perhaps not without due cause, that they would not be able to pull back the 8-0 deficit.

For reasons as yet unknown, Whitaker, who last week disposed of favorites Dallah Avco, threw away a probable semifinals place by failing to show up for their quarterfinal match with Sogex. In the other second round matches, Saudia cracked in four goals against

Arabian Homes, who could only reply with one, while AST hammered nine into Whitaker Villa's net. Villa managed their usual number of goals!

The three remaining quarterfinals are scheduled for Sunday and Monday, and see Toyota playing AST, Zahid against Saudia, and Hochtiel facing Asmara. Toyota must feel confident of a win, but the results of the other games are far from easy to decide. Saudia had a bad end of season run which saw them relegated to Division Two, while Zahid have been consistent all season and have proved their cup winning ability by taking the League Cup.

In the plate, Al Hada moved into the second round after Scandinavian Embassy failed to produce eight players for the start of the match. Hada were not, too impressed, having traveled three hours for the match with a similar return journey in front of them. Dallah Avco produced a fine second half display to crush NJIA (2) 6-0.



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**In American League**

# Lemon, Baines star in White Sox's wins

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — The Chicago White Sox took a doubleheader from the Baltimore Orioles 18-5 and 5-3 Thursday as Chet Lemon led a 26-hit barrage in the first game and Harold Baines keyed the second-game triumph.

Lemon collected four hits and drove in four runs in the opener as the White Sox victimized five Baltimore pitchers for the highest total of hits ever against an Oriole team. Baltimore had previously surrendered a high of 24 hits in a June 1978 loss to Toronto.

The White Sox exploded for seven runs in both the fourth and sixth frames of the opener, sending 12 men to the plate in each inning.

Lemon and Bill Almon, who also finished with four hits, each collected a pair of RBI with singles in the fourth inning.

Right-hander Richard Dotson, who yielded three RBI and a pair of 400-foot homers to Ken Singleton, survived a rocky start to even his record at 1-1.

Baines delivered a two-run single in the fifth inning to lead the White Sox triumph in the second game. The blow wiped out a brief 3-2 Orioles lead forged in the third inning on Singleton's homer.

The only other American League game, between the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays, was rained out.

In the National League, Chris Chambliss doubled home two runs in the fifth inning, breaking a 3-3 tie and helping the Atlanta Braves to a 7-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Tom Seaver pitched 61-3 hitless innings. Dave Concepcion drove in three runs and Dan Driessen provided the game-winning hit in the 10th inning to rally the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-4 victory over the struggling Houston Astros.

In a late game on the West coast, Rick Sutcliffe scattered five hits in eight innings and drove in the game's first run as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 3-1.

**Standings**

American League		W	L	PCT.	GB
East					
Cleveland	7	3	.667	—	
New York	7	4	.636	—	
Boston	6	4	.600	½	
Detroit	7	5	.583	½	
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	1	
Baltimore	3	6	.333	3	
Toronto	3	9	.250	4½	
West					
Oakland	14	1	.933	—	
Chicago	7	3	.700	4½	
California	6	7	.462	7	
Texas	5	6	.455	7	
Seattle	4	9	.308	9	
Kansas City	2	7	.222	9	
Minnesota	2	9	.182	10	

# Thais crash Dalglish may miss Europe Cup final

## Thais crash to another big defeat

LIVERPOOL, England, April 24 (AP) — Liverpool star Kenny Dalglish is to visit a specialist for treatment to the ankle injury that could force him to miss the European Cup final.

Scottish international Dalglish limped off after only 10 minutes of Liverpool's semifinal against Bayern Munich of West Germany Wednesday night and fears he has damaged ligaments in his left ankle.

The ligament trouble would make him a doubtful starter for Liverpool's meeting with six-time European cup winner Real Madrid in Paris on May 27.

Dalglish already has withdrawn from Scotland's World Cup qualifying match against Israel next week and Liverpool manager Bob Paisley said: "I am worried, but we will just have to wait and see what the specialist says."

Another Liverpool player, centerback and captain Phil Thompson, is still troubled by a knee injury, while midfielder Graeme Souness and striker David Johnson both suffered minor injuries against Bayern. Souness has a calf muscle pull, while Johnson suffered a recurrence of hamstring trouble.

With full back Alan Kennedy ruled out by a broken wrist, Liverpool will be without five regulars for Saturday's League match at

home to Tottenham. Manchester City too has four players fighting to be fit for the F.A. Cup final against Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley May 19.

John Bond, manager of the Manchester Club, announced Thursday that at least four of his probable Cup final team will miss Saturday's League match against Ipswich.

Gerry Gow, Tommy Hutchison, Bobby McDonald and Tommy Caton are all injured, while club captain Paul Power has a slight groin strain.

Meanwhile, Ipswich stars Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen have been recalled for the Netherlands World Cup qualifying tie against Cyprus next Wednesday in Limassol.

THAILAND, April 24 (AP) — South Korea trounced Thailand 5-1 in a hotly-contested World Cup Football Asian Group Three qualifying round here Friday. The Koreans led 2-1 at half-time.

On Wednesday too, the Thais suffered a big defeat when they went down to Kuwait 0-6.

Abdul Aziz Al-Anbary scored Kuwait's first goal in the ninth minute and the fourth in the 36th minute. Jassem Yacoub scored the second goal in the 13th minute and Fathi Kameel netted the third goal in the 34th minute.

The Thais lost momentum in the second half with their defenders unable to cope with the rival attack.

Mohammed Karam scored the fifth goal in the 62nd minute, and Faisal Al-Dakheel netted the final goal in the 80th minute.

## Lindh storms into last 16

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, April 24 (R) — Sweden's Erik Lindh stormed into the last 16 of the men's singles at the World Table-Tennis Championships here Thursday night after starting the event as a qualifier.

Lindh, a 16-year-old student, beat Bulgaria's Djevat Hasonov in the second round and Hong Sun Chol of South Korea in the third. He was one of nine Europeans to reach the last 16. The seven Asians still in contention included top Chinese seeds Guo Yuehua, Shi Zhibao and Wang Huiyuan.

In the women's singles, China's Huang Junjun provided the major upset by beating top European challenger Jill Hammersley of England in straight sets in the second round.

Lindh, Sweden's top ranked junior, beat China's world No. 8 Xie Saikie in the first round and continued his run with a 21-19, 21-19, 21-12 win over Hasonov and a 21-11, 16-21, 21-16, 21-16, victory over Hong Sun.

He did not play particularly well in the team event last week but he said "I feel more relaxed in the singles and the win over Xie boosted my confidence."

Lindh rated the victory over Xie as his best performance here, but said he was happy with his form.

Chinese second seed Guo, who is aiming to wipe out the memory of two unsuccessful finals at the previous championships, eliminated Hungary's Zsolt Kriston and Ulf Thorsell of Sweden in straight sets.

Shi, China's No. 3, beat Vladislav Broda of Czechoslovakia in straight sets but had to work harder to eliminate Hungary's Gabor Gergely 20-22, 21-16, 21-11, 21-19.

**BRIEFS**

EPSOM, England, (AP) — Top British jockey Lester Piggott was recovering in hospital awaiting plastic surgery Thursday night after a spectacular accident at Epsom race-course 15 miles south of London in which he badly damaged an ear and suffered injuries to his back and chest.

PARIS, (AP) — The highest court of international auto racing early Friday declared the controversial Lotus 88 Grand Prix car illegal. The six-man court of appeal of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) — overturned a ruling by the Automobile Competitions Committee of the United States (ACCUS) — which had found the car legal after it had been banned

from the season's first World Championship race at Long Beach, California.

ZURICH, (AFP) — Motor racing sponsor David Thieme, arrested here April 10 on suspicion of fraud, was released on bond Thursday, sources said. Thieme, an American, owns the Monte Carlo-based Essex Overseas Petroleum Company which sponsors the British Formula-One team Lotus.

BREDENE, Belgium, (AFP) — Belgian cyclist Alfons de Wolf won the fourth stage of the Tour of Belgium race here Thursday, finishing a full three minutes clear of the pack. Former Belgian champion Gerrie Verlinden kept the leader's Jersey while Ireland's Sean Kelly topped the points standings.

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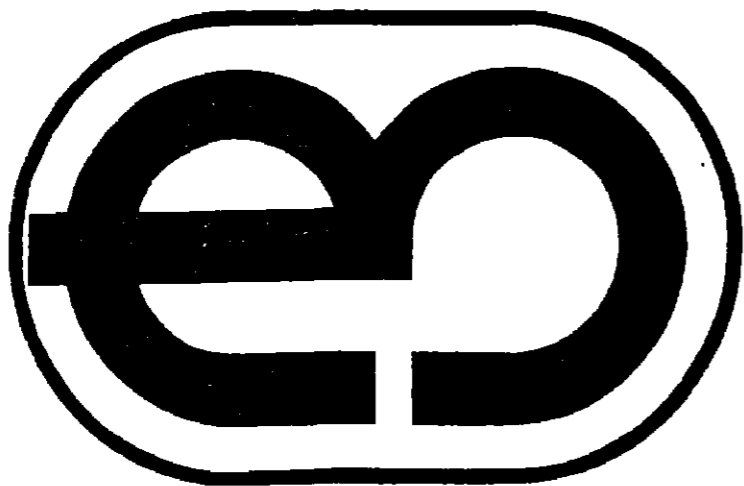
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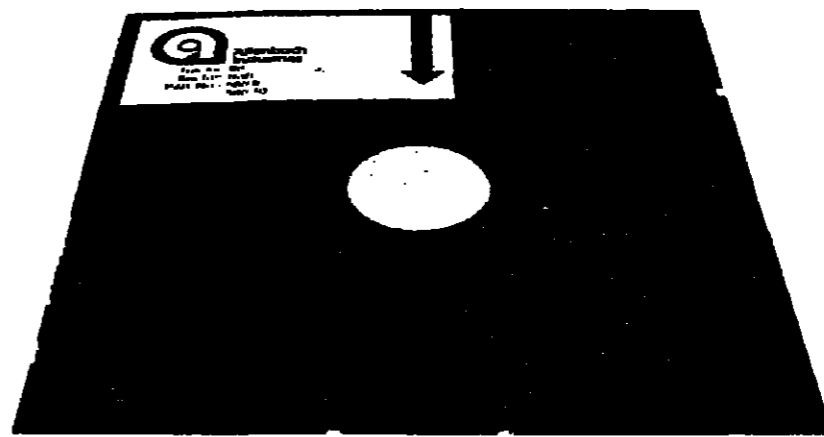
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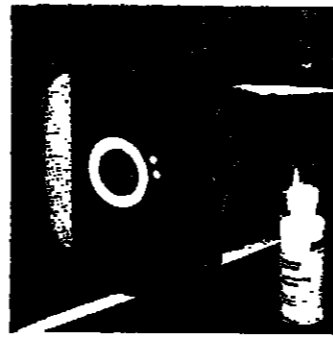
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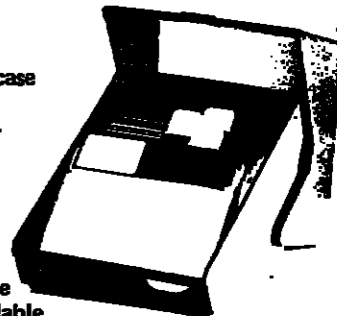
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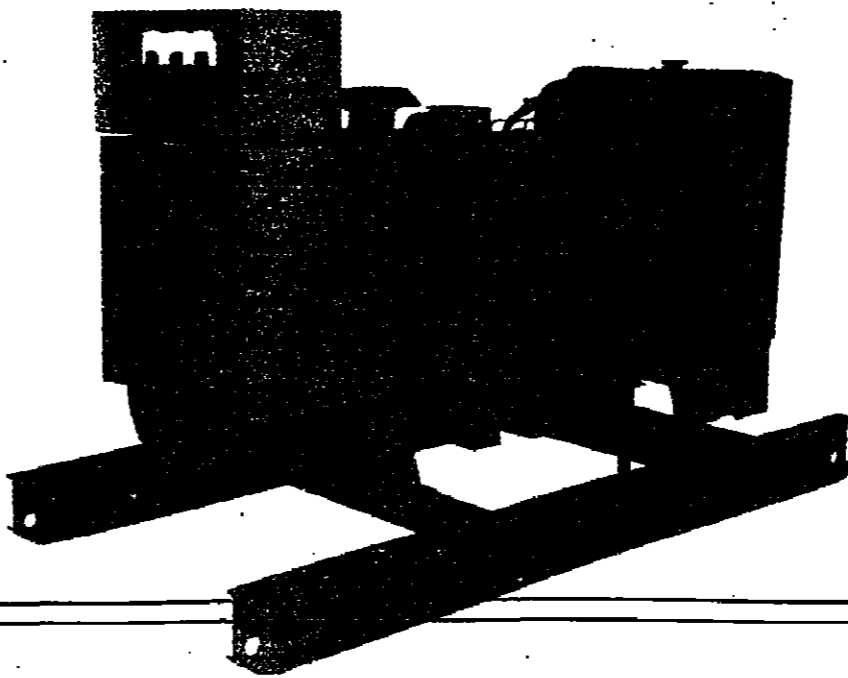
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## Sands going blind, deaf

# Tension mounting in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, April 24 (Agencies) - Jailed Irish guerrilla Bobby Sands entered the 53th day of his hunger strike in a Northern Ireland prison Friday reported by friends to be going blind and deaf and saying he thinks he has about three days to live.

Carron told a news conference Sands had agreed to meet members of the European Commission on Human Rights provided they were accompanied by three prominent Republicans. Irish Republic legislators have urged the commission to intervene to save him.

### Mediators silent

## Iran to continue war

NICOSIA, April 24 (Agencies) - Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has said Iran had to continue the war against Iraq because it had received no replies to its conditions for peace from Islamic and nonaligned mediators.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, said the president was answering a question during a press conference Thursday on the status of mediation efforts by a nine-man Islamic goodwill mission and a four-man delegation representing the nonaligned countries.

## U.K., Germany urge arms talks

BONN, April 24 (AP) - East-West talks on reducing middle range nuclear missiles should begin as soon as possible, Britain and West Germany declared Friday.

Both groups shuttled between Tehran and Baghdad in March and early this month in an effort to end the seven-month-old war on the northern flank of the Gulf.



SET FREE: Great train robber Ronald Biggs is all smiles as he hugs his attorneys, Ezra Alleyne, (left) and Alair Shepherd (right) after he was set free Thursday by the Barbados high Court, turning down British request for extradition.

## German claims reversing cancer

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) - A West German researcher says she has reversed the growth of liver cancer in rats by using a harmless chemical found in plant and animal cells.

## Biggs returns to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 24 (AP) - Ronald Biggs, the British "great train robber," walked out of the Rio airport Friday as a free man, with a guarantee from the Brazilian government that he can continue to reside in this South American country.

## Polish crisis serious, Soviets say

MOSCOW, April 24 (Agencies) - A leading Soviet newspaper stressed on Friday the seriousness of the Polish situation and warned that maintaining the Socialist system in any one country is the "common cause" of the entire Socialist bloc.

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internal and external threats to rouse Socialism. The daily added that those who try to stir up anti-Socialist campaigns in Poland should remember that "the maintenance of the Socialist system is the affair of each of the Socialist states, but at the same time, also the common cause of the Socialist fraternity."

## Good Morning

Car drivers go to any length to avoid paying the fines they incur through the offenses they commit on the road. This is true the world over. But here in London the major fine avoiders are foreign embassies, whose drivers use their diplomatic immunity to transform London's busy streets into one happy parking lot.

## Fighters control 4 Afghan capitals

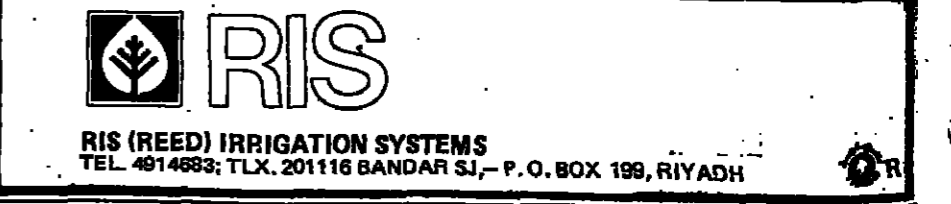
NEW DELHI, April 24 (AP) - A U.S. State Department statement that no provincial capital of Afghanistan has ever fallen to freedom fighters has been disputed by separate Afghan sources in India who named four capitals which they said are or have been under liberators' control.

## 17 die in Indian collision

NEW DELHI, April 24 (AFP) - Seventeen passengers were killed and 63 injured, 32 of them critically, in a collision between two suburban electric trains in Bombay Friday the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

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